

## NOTES ON EDUCATION.

Ahaly has been discussing the subject of free night schools, and has decided to establish four.

A proposition to open the Harvard College Library to the students on Sunday is under discussion at present.

The corner-stone of the new building for the New Medical College, at Chicago, was laid on the 20th inst., with Masonic ceremonies.

The Maine State Agricultural College has 115 students. The next Legislature will be asked for an appropriation to aid the college.

It costs \$104.60 annually for teachers' wages alone for each child attending the public schools in the City and County of Leavenworth, Kansas.

Class day exercises will be observed for the first time at Tufts College by the present Senior Class, arrangements having been made for the first occasion of the kind next June.

Dr. David Murray, Superintendent of Educational Affairs in Japan, is at present in this country, and gives a favorable report of the progress of education among the Japanese.

The Virginia State University has 373 students. The receipts for the fiscal year were \$36,779.27, and the disbursements \$37,197.91. The University has a debt of \$33,823.

The Presbyterians of the South-West propose raising the endowment of their college at Clarksville, Tenn., to \$300,000 as soon as possible, of which \$160,000 is already raised and invested.

The Faculty of Dartmouth College are arranging a plan for representing the college at the Philadelphia exhibition. Samples of students' work will be sent, and other methods of showing the workings of the school will be employed.

A meeting of prominent educators was held in Chicago last week, to perfect arrangements for representing the educational condition of Illinois at the Centennial Exhibition. It was voted to raise \$10,000 among the teachers and county superintendents of the State for this purpose.

The average daily attendance at the public schools of the State of Virginia for the year ending July 31, 1875, was 105,327, being an increase of about 5,000 over the previous year. There were 4,262 teachers employed. The whole cost of public education for the year was \$24,118.

Mr. George Dixon, M. P., for Birmingham, spoke in Liverpool on the educational question recently. He was in favor of the compulsory system and of making school boards general, and he said that when the Liberal party were again in power both of these measures would be carried in Parliament.

The number of students at Cornell University at present is almost 500. After an existence of seven years the University has 333 Alumni. President White is now delivering a course of lectures treating of the period of discovery and of the Reformation. Prof. Goldwin Smith's lectures have been postponed until the Spring term, when Prof. Lowell will also give his course of 12 lectures.

A fund of \$30,000 was given to Cornell University by Mr. Dean Green of Brooklyn, the income of which should provide for an annual course of University sermons. Among the preachers this year are the Rev. J. H. Twichell of Hartford, the Rev. Dr. Bridgman of Albany, Bishop Andrews of Iowa, the Rev. Dr. Good of New-York, the Rev. Dr. Hill, ex-President of Harvard College; Bishop Clark of Rhode Island, and the Rev. Dr. Dix.

At a recent meeting of the New-Haven, Conn., Board of Education the section of the School Manual relating to corporal punishment was amended so as to read as follows: "Teachers shall so far as possible govern by kindness, and by appeals to the better nature of the pupil. Corporal punishment shall be administered only in extreme cases, and never at the same session of the school when the offense is committed, nor by a subordinate teacher until the case is reported to the principal; and the teacher shall keep a record of such punishment, which record shall be embodied in the weekly report of the Superintendent for the inspection of the Board."

Mr. Neil Gilmour, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, has issued a circular stating that an examination of applicants for State certificates will be held at the Senate Chamber at Albany on the 16th of December. These certificates, which qualify the holder to teach in any public school in the State without further examination, have been issued hitherto to teachers upon recommendation, but under the amended School law last winter they can be obtained in future only after an examination.

The time and place for holding the examinations and competent persons to conduct the same are to be designated by the State Superintendent. The examination is open to candidates from all parts of the State, each of whom must be present at the beginning, and must present testimonials of good character and proof that they have had at least three years' experience as teachers. Examinations will be held hereafter at other points in the State to accommodate teachers living remote from Albany.

The catalogue of Hamilton College gives the number of students in that institution as 163, an addition of 24 to the number for last year. The list of trustees contains the names of four new men elected members of that body by the graduates of the college last commencement. They are the Hon. Theodore W. Dwight, New-York; the Hon. Peter R. Smith, Chicago; the Hon. Joseph R. Hawley, Philadelphia; President David H. Cochran, Brooklyn. Twenty permanent scholarships have been established that vary in their income from \$60 to \$100. Among the recent donors to the college library, the Rev. Dr. P. H. Fowler of Utica stands first, with the gift of 1,200 volumes. The next annual meeting of the Society of Alumni will be held on Wednesday, June 28, when a trustee will be elected by the votes of graduates, to take the place of the Hon. Joseph R. Hawley. The next orator of the Society of Alumni is the Rev. Charles E. Knox, D. D., of Bloomsfield, N. J.; the poet is the Hon. Guy H. McMaster of Bath, and the half-century novelist, the Hon. Joseph L. Bosworth of New-York.

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